NANJANGUD TOWN MUNICIPALITY.

Notice, dated 8th October 1924.

Whereas, it is found expedient to impose a water tax in order to meet a portion of the cost of the annual maintenance of Sri Srikanteswara Water Works at Nanjangud, notice is hereby given to the inhabitants of the Municipality of Nanjangud Town, that the Municipal Council, Nanjangud Town desire to impose a water tax defined in the appended bye-law, in this town.

Any inhabitant of the Municipality objecting to the proposed tax may, within one month from the date of this notice, send his objections or suggestions, if any, in writing, to the President of Nanjangud Town Municipality. After the expiry of that date no objections or suggestions will be taken into consideration.

Schedule of water tax proposed to be imposed.

Serial No.	Name of tax	Class of property liable	Amount for which and rates at which classes are liable	Exemptions	Time at which taxes payable
1	Water tax	All buildings and lands within the Municipal limits.	The water tax will be levied at half the rate of the house tax and 1/5 of the Mohatarfa shop tax and ¼ of the land tax in the case of vacant sites.	...	In two equal instalments in advance in July and January every year.

SRI SRIKANTESWARA WATER WORKS OF NANJANGUD TOWN.

Rules for the Regulation of Water-supply.

1. The expressions "Water-supply Department" and "Officer" as used in these rules shall mean the President and the Vice-President of Nanjangud Town Municipality or any other officer working under the orders of the Town Municipal Council, Nanjangud.

2. The Water-supply Department is responsible for all works connected with the water-supply to the town of Nanjangud.

3. The supply of water from the Srikanteswara Water Works is intended for *bona-fide* domestic purposes and the water drawn therefrom whether from public or private fountains or taps shall not be used for any other purposes whatsoever without obtaining sanction in writing from the Town Municipal Office. A supply of water for domestic purposes shall not include a supply for horses or for carriages for washing purposes, where such horses or carriages are kept for sale or hire or a supply for any trade, manufacture or business or for fountains or for any ornamental or machanical purposes or for watering roads or gardens. Water may be drawn for watering public roads and flushing drains from fountains and connections specially provided for the purpose at the cost of the Municipality.

4. Water for other than domestic purposes may be supplied with the special sanction of the Municipal Council under certain conditions to be determined at the time.

5. No water cart will be allowed to take water from public fountains other than those specially set apart for the purpose.

6. As far as practicable stand posts will be erected from 400′ to 1,000′ apart, the interval varying according to the density of the population in the locality.

7. Applications for attachments from the public mains are to be made in the prescribed form to the President or the Vice-President of the Municipal Council who are authorised to comply with such requisitions by owners of property, the cost of the attachment being as specified below. In other cases, the special sanction of the Municipal Council will have to be obtained. The fees to be paid in advance for making attachment shall be as follows:—

	Rs. a. p.
Half inch attachment	... 2 0 0
Three-fourths inch attachment	... 3 0 0

When an attachment has to be temporarily closed at the request of the owner, a charge shall be made at half the above rates to be paid in advance which shall include the cost of closing and re-opening the attachment.

8. Until further orders, private house-service connections will be limited to houses whose annual assessment is not less than Rs. 4 and to localities where the capacity and public water mains permit of a supply being given without detriment to the street service.

9. Applications for water-supply will have to be made on a printed form which should be obtained from the Municipal office to be duly signed by the owner of the premises and attested by witnesses. The workman will, after completion of his work, report to the Municipality for turning on water. The final connection between the private service pipes and the public water mains shall not be allowed until the work is inspected and passed by the President, the Vice-President or his authorised agent.

(*a*) No alteration or extensions shall be allowed without obtaining the sanction of the Council and such works shall be carried out by the Municipal workmen only.

(*b*) Repairs may however be carried out by owners of property after giving intimation to the President or the Vice-President of the Municipality of the nature of repairs to be done, the work being entrusted to Municipal workmen.

10. The number of taps which will be allowed to be taken to each house from the supply pipes will be only one, the maximum number of taps allowed being not more than two or as may be decided by the Municipal Council.

11. No connection will be granted unless proper drainage arrangements have been made for the disposal of waste water.

12. No connection will be granted for the supply of any water closet, latrine or urinal unless its erection is approved by the President or the Vice-President unless sufficient storage is provided.

13. No taps shall be allowed to project outside any premises or in such a position as to be available for use by the public or be fixed in close proximity to premises, open drains and places where injurious gases are likely to be produced and no tap-cock or connection to any storage tank or reservoir shall be fixed so as to permit of any part of the contents of the said tank or reservoir to syphon back into the supply pipe.

14. No pipes shall be used for the conveyance of or in connection with water supplied by the department which is laid or fixed through in or into any drain or any place to become fouled or where the pipe may become unsound except where such use is unavoidable. In every such unavoidable cases such pipes shall be passed through an exterior air-tight and water-tight pipes or jackets of cast iron or other materials approved by the officer should be used.

15. The officer connected with the Water-supply Department will be held responsible for the observance of these rules and no connection will be made until the fittings and other arrangements have been personally examined by the officer and found to be in accordance with these rules.

16. Diameter and size of house connections will be restricted to half an inch or ¾" connections only and bigger sizes for Government and other works, with the sanction of the Municipal Council.

17. For every house connection there shall be provided at the cost of the Municipality and maintained in due working order a water meter for the accurate guaging of the water consumed, provided that the President or the Vice-President may, on the ground of cost, dispense with the erection of water meter in the case of very small houses not likely to consume more than the free allowance referred to in rule 18, below.

(*a*) For all connections where a water meter is fixed, a charge of 4 annas per month shall be levied as rent for water in addition to whatsoever charge may be due for the water consumed, provided that for the periods when the meter is out of order no rent shall be charged.

(*b*) The meters shall wherever practicable be placed inside the compound or premises of the owner of a house or property who shall be held solely responsible for any wilful damage to the meter and shall be liable to pay the cost of making good such damage, provided the President or the Vice-President subject to appeal to his next official superior decides that the damage has been wilful.

18. The quantity of water which any owner of a house or property will be allowed to draw from his house connection free of any charge other than the general water rate to be assessed upon the annual assessment of his house and premises shall be regulated in accordance with the following scale.—

For every eight annas of the annual assessment of the house and premises, the authorised free allowance shall be 300 gallons per month, but in no case shall such free allowance be less than 4,000 gallons per month.

19. Any owner of a house or property who is found to have used in any quarter a quantity of water in excess of the quantity of water allowed free under the last preceding rule, shall pay for such excess a price calculated at the rate of 4 annas per 1,000 gallons.

In calculating the excess charges under this clause, the quantity of excess on any whole number of thousands of gallons shall not be charged, if it is 500 gallons and under, but shall be charged for as if it were 1,000 gallons when it is over 500 gallons.

20. The excess water rate, metre rent and other charges due under these rules are to be collected by the President or the Vice-President or his authorised agent, quarterly on bills prepared in his office. Owners of houses or property shall be solely responsible for the

payment of all charges under these rules which shall be recoverable in the manner laid down in Chapter VIII of the Mysore Municipal Regulation. The President or the Vice-President or any other officer authorised in this behalf may, however, receive payment from the owner or agent of the owner of the property or from a tenant, such bills shall be presented by the said officer before the 20th of the month following the quarter to which they relate.

In order to facilitate the adjustment of accounts between the owner of a house or property and his tenant or occupier, the President or the Vice-President shall when required in writing furnish a memorandum shewing the consumption and probable charges on account of water rate and meter rent for any broken period of the quarter since the preparation of the last bill in his office.

21. Arrangements will be made to read the metres as far as possible within the 5th of every month after due notice. The meter reader will leave with any available person in the house, a slip showing the consumption of water during the preceding month.

22. All complaints regarding the accuracy of the reading or the non-receipt of the slips referred to in Rule 20 should be made in writing to the President or Vice-President within the 10th of the month concerned, after which no complaints will be entertained.

23. Any owner or occupier of a house or property having a water connection who may suspect or dispute the accuracy of the measurements indicated by the water meter, may apply to the President or Vice-President or his local representative or agent and have the meter tested on payment of a fee of Re. 1 per test. If, on actual test, the quantity registered by the meter exceeds 10 per cent of the correct quantity, the fee will be refunded to the party concerned, otherwise, it will be credited to Municipal Funds.

24. The Water-supply Department reserves to itself the right to test any meter for its own satisfaction at any time. Due notice of the same shall be, however, given to the owner of the house or property concerned.

25. If on examination any meter be found to be out of order and consequently not registering correctly, the consumption during the period since the last reading till the meter is repaired or a new meter is attached, shall be calculated at the average daily consumption of the last registered period during which, in the opinion of the President or Vice-President, the meter was registering correctly and the consumption of water was not for any reason abnormal.

26. The President, the Vice-President or his authorised agent may, at all reasonable times and with the permission of the owner (or if permission be refused, after giving six hours' notice), enter any premises in which there is a water connection in order to inspect and examine or repair the same.

27. The President, Vice-President or his authorised agent shall have the power to cut off the connection between the private pipes and the public main in any of the following cases:—

(a) In default of payment of the excess water rates, meter rent and other charges due under the rules or of any bill presented on account of repairs to meters under Rule 10 above within 20 days after the same shall have been demanded in writing or presented.

(b) If any house-owner or occupier who is supplied with water shall use or permit the use of water for purposes in violation of the conditions on which the connection is granted, provided that six days' previous notice is given in writing.

(c) In cases of leakage of pipes or other defects in the private service arrangements likely to cause loss to Government, provided that 48 hours' notice is previously given.

(d) If water is allowed to run to waste after the owner or occupier has been warned (in a printed or written notice) against allowing such waste.

(e) In any case of broken pipes or fittings causing loss of water or likely to cause damage to property when such notice as may be possible shall be given.

(f) In any case of refusal to allow the President, the Vice-President or his authorised agent to enter on any land or building for the purpose of inspecting service pipes, fittings, etc.

28. The President, Vice President or his authorised agent shall have the power to open any road for the purpose of laying new mains, service pipes to private houses or for any purpose in connection with the distribution of water and shall be responsible for the efficient and prompt repairs of the roads, drains or any structure that has to be removed in order to carry out the work, provided that the Municipal Council gives due intimation to the President or to the Vice-President in all cases in which more than half the road width is opened out or serious or prolonged obstructions to traffic is apprehended.

29. The President, Vice-President or his authorised agent shall have the power to stop or reduce the supply in any public main or sub-main for repairs or renewals without any notice. But when the stoppage is over an extensive area or is due to exigencies which can be foreseen, such previous notice as is possible under the circumstances will be given by general tom-tom.

30. The foregoing rules shall apply *mutatis mutandis to* all public institutions, such as, schools, temples, mosques, churches, public offices, etc., the supply allowed in each case free of charge, if any, being determined by the Municipal Council in consultation with the Water-supply Department and any excess used over and above the free supply as measured by water meters being paid for by the institutions concerned at the rates prescribed in Rule 19 above.

31. Rules 3, 4, 5. 7, 9, 26, 27 and 28 above apply *mutatis mundis to* public street fountains which have been or may be allowed to be erected at the expense of private individuals for dedication to public use and such fountains shall be further subject to the following conditions:—

(*a*) That their number is strictly restricted by the *bona fide* public requirements of particular localities which shall be decided after consulting the Municipal Council and their opinion taken thereon.

(*b*) That they are not placed closer to any other public fountain than the minimum prescribed distance.

(*c*) That their free and unobstructed use at all hours by the public for whose use they are intended is duly safeguarded.

32. The Government reserves to itself the power, whenever it deems fit to alter or modify the foregoing rules or to abolish altogether the system of house connections established thereunder or to stop or reduce the supply to any private attachment or any public fountain without assigning any reason whatsoever.

33. Every person or institution owning or applying for a connection from the public main shall be deemed to have subscribed to the regulations and conditions herein contained.

34. The foregoing rules shall be published in the official Gazette and in such other ways as the Water-supply Department may consider necessary.

N.B.—" Under Section 176 (*d*) of the Municipal Regulation, VII of 1906, and under Notification of Government No. 6531—L. F. 74-77, dated 6th December 1897, any person found misusing pipe water or damaging the pipes will be prosecuted."

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